**Washington Latin Public Charter School**

UPPER SCHOOL COURSE SYLLABUS

**COURSE TITLE** Art I **SEMESTER** Fall 2015

**TEACHER** Kristin Stephens **ROOM #** 125

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| **Email Address**  **Teacher Webpage** | [kstephens@latinpcs.org](mailto:kstephens@latinpcs.org)  www.kstephensart.com |
| **Teacher Support**  (Tutorial sessions, etc.) | Tutorial is offered every day from 3:20 - 4:00 pm except during the MS soccer season (September through the end of October)  Students will be asked to sign up for tutorial sessions, and some days toward the end of the unit students will be allowed to stay after from  3:20 - 4:30 pm to finish projects |
| **Wikispace Page** | http://wlpcsupperschool.wikispaces.com |

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This semester long course is an introductory course to the visual arts. The content covers the elements of art and the principles of design through a variety of concepts and drawing media, painting and color theory/color psychology, and mixed media sculpture. Students also learn about art history and conduct research for every project. There will be weekly art journal assignments. This course is a prerequisite for Art II and Art III.

COURSE CURRICULUM CONTENT

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| **UNITS/TOPICS** |
| * Elements of Art and Principles of Design * Using Line and Value to Show Dimension * Building Blocks: Cube Design * Shape Collage * Final Project Sculpture |

SUPPLIES

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| **PROVIDED SUPPLIES** | **NEEDED SUPPLIES** |
| * Color-coded folder for use in class | * #2 pencil, NOT MECHANICAL * 8.5” x 11” Art Journal/Sketchbook, paper needs to be no heavier than 70lbs * Composition notebook, lines or graph paper |

EVALUATION AND GRADING

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| **CATEGORIES** | **CATEGORY WEIGHTS** | **GRADING SCALE** |
| * Effort * Improvement/ Projects * Test/Homework   Homework includes Art Journal weekly assignments. Every 4-5 weeks, your AJ will be collected and graded for quality, which then will be a project grade. | * Daily Effort 40 %   Students are assessed on daily effort (see next pg.) and the grades are averaged at the end of each week.   * Improvement/ Projects 40% * Test/ Homework 20% | A: 90 – 100  B: 80 – 89  C: 70 – 79  D: 64 – 69  F: 63 or below |

OTHER INFORMATION

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| **DAILY EFFORT GRADE CRITERIA** | **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS** |
| Students can earn up to 8 points a day for their effort. Their daily effort consists of the following:   * Student is on time to class or late with a note \*\* If you are late **without** a note, you automatically lose 4 points! If you skip class, you will earn a ZERO for the day. * Ready with materials (#2 pencil, planner, AJ, composition notebook) * Is in correct uniform and does not need to be asked to get into uniform * Respectful to peers and teacher * Follows directions first time given * Participates in every activity and is on task * Cleans and returns all materials and tools to where they are located in the room (2 pts) | * No food or drink allowed in the art room (water bottles are an exception) * No cell phone use in class. Students can ONLY use laptops for research. * Listening to music will only be allowed at the discretion of the teacher. * Keep voice level at a 0 to 2 level (silent to talking quietly) during independent work. * Materials can be checked out for work in the AJ, but no poster paper will be given at any time. The art room is not CVS. * No student has the right to stop other students from learning. Every student has the right to learn. * Be accountable and take responsibility for your own actions! |

PROJECT DEADLINES/LATE WORK

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| **DEADLINES** | **LATE WORK** |
| * There will be a soft deadline and a hard deadline for each project. * Each student will be required to write a critique on another student’s work at the end of each project. The students will have ONE week from the soft deadline of the project to complete both the critique and their own piece. | * After the hard deadline has passed, students will have ONE week to complete their piece **after school during tutorial**. If the student does not complete his/her work by the end of the week, the work will be considered LATE and be 10 points off. No work will be accepted 5 days after the hard deadline. * If the student fails to turn an artwork in, then they will earn a ZERO project grade. Project grades are weighted at 40%. |

**Visual Arts Contract for the 2015-2016 School Year**

**As a student of WLPCS, I will uphold the following principles in my Art class:**

1. I will abide by the WLPCS Student Code of Conduct, found in the Family Handbook.
2. I will follow all art rules/behavior expectations:
3. I will be on time to class or late with a note.
4. I will have my materials each day (pencil, planner, AJ, composition notebook).
5. I will not eat or drink in class.
6. I will not use my cell phone in class for ANY reason.
7. I will be respectful of others and keep my voice at a reasonable level.
8. I will clean up after myself each day and put supplies back where they belong.
9. I will try everything…you can!
10. I understand the Consequences:
11. Redirect or meet with the teacher one-on-one/Seat change
12. Meeting with grade director and/or Dean
13. Call parent
14. Detention
15. Referral

\*\*\* The teacher can skip consequences a – d and go straight to the Referral if necessary.

1. I will have a positive attitude and work ethic.
2. I will be the sole creator of my artwork, unless otherwise asked.

* **Student:**

By signing below, the student understands and agrees to all information and terms contained in the syllabus and visual arts contract.

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* **Parent/Guardian:**

By signing below, the parent/guardian understands all of the information and terms contained in the syllabus and visual arts contract.

Parent Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\*Please return this page to Ms. Stephens by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**This will be collected as a Homework grade.**